



KEY FACTS ABOUT

Children birth to 3 years,
their families, and
the child care system
that serves them

Colorado

Total population: 4,301,261

U.S. Census 2000



An average of 7,538 children 0–3 are served per month by the Child Care and Development Fund

(FY 2001 ACF-801 data)

In Federal Fiscal Year 2004 the Infant/Toddler Child Care and Development Fund Set-Aside = \$1,170,886

(FY 2004 CCDF Allocations and Earmarks,
U.S. Dept. of HHS, ACF)



778 children served by 10 grantees are in Early Head Start

(2003 Early Head Start Funded Enrollment)
(EHSNRC Database—April 2004)

27% of all the requests for child care to the child care resource and referral programs were for infant and toddler care

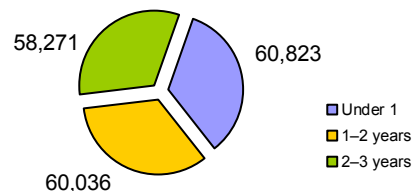
(Child Care Profile, United States/NACCRRA, March 2003)



2,854 children under 3 are served by the Early Intervention program

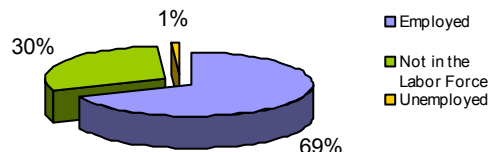
(U.S. Dept. of Education, Office of Special Ed. Programs,
Data Analysis System (DANS), Dec. 2002)

179,130 Children Under 3 Live in Colorado



U.S. Census 2000

69% of Colorado Women with Children Under the Age of 3 Are in the Labor Force



Current Population Survey, March 2001

Professional Development of Infant/Toddler Caregivers

Infant/Toddler Caregiver Credential:	No
Infant/Toddler Child Development Associate*:	27 issued in 2002 28 issued in 1998
Early Learning Guidelines for 0–3:	No

*Council on Professional Recognition

In Center-Based Care the staff-to-child ratios are

1:5 for 6 weeks to 36 months*; 1:7 for 24 to 36 months; 1:8 for 2.5- to 3-year-olds; 1:10 for 3- and 4-year-olds

*Infant nurseries care for children 6 weeks to 18 months; toddler nurseries care for children 12 months (when walking independently) to 36 months.

(State Licensing Regulations)

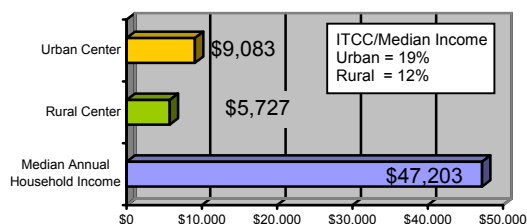
In Family Child Care the staff-to-child ratios are

1:4 (with no more than 2 children under 12 months) OR 2:6 (with no more than 3 children under 12 months).

These ratios apply only to infant/toddler homes, which are defined as a type of family child care home providing care only to children birth to three.

(State Licensing Regulations)

Annual Cost of Infant/Toddler Child Care as a Percent of Median Income



Child Care Profile, United States/NACCRRA, March 2003

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